



Dear Fellow Arkansan,

This week I was proud to visit Clarendon, Holly Grove, and Augusta to announce funding for local investments in these rural communities that will benefit thousands of Arkansans.

[Clarendon will receive a \\$419,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant](#) and a \$457,000 loan to improve its sewer system.

[Holly Grove will receive a \\$38,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant](#) to purchase new equipment for the town's emergency shelter.

[And Woodruff County will receive a \\$5,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant](#) to purchase new equipment for the Woodruff County Library in Augusta.

Having grown up in a rural area, I am strongly committed to ensuring that rural Arkansans have access to the services and infrastructure they need. Our rural communities depend on these investments to make improvements to community facilities that deliver a better quality of life to their residents.

As Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I am committed to ensuring that our largest investor in rural areas, the Department of Agriculture, is supporting the development of many small towns and communities in Arkansas.

As always, please feel free to [contact me with your comments, suggestions and concerns](#). I look forward to hearing from you.

With Arkansas Pride,

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***U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln presents a check for \$5,000 in USDA funds to purchase new equipment for the Woodruff County Library in Augusta. The money will be used to purchase nine new computers, security doors and lighting for the existing library.***

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